

In the
Indiana Supreme Court



IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPROVAL OF LOCAL RULES
FOR HOWARD COUNTY

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Case No.

34500-1009-ms-484

ORDER APPROVING AMENDED LOCAL RULE

The Judges of the Howard Circuit and Superior Courts request the approval of an amended local rule for caseload allocation in accordance with Ind. Administrative Rule 1(E). Attached to this Order is the proposed amended local rule.

Upon examination of the proposed rule amendment requested by the Howard Circuit and Superior Courts, this Court finds that the proposed rule amendment, LR34-AR1-2 complies with the requirements of Ind. Administrative Rule 1(E), and, accordingly, should be approved and posted in the county clerk's office(s) and on the county clerk's website, if any, and on the Indiana Judicial Website.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by this Court that amended Local Rule LR34-AR1-2 for Howard County Courts, set forth as an attachment to this Order, is approved effective January 1, 2011. The Clerk of this Court is directed to forward a copy of this Order to the Hon. Lynn Murray, Howard Circuit Court, 104 North Buckeye Street, #310, Kokomo, IN 46901-9004; the Hon. William C. Menges, Howard Superior Court 1, 104 North Buckeye Street, Kokomo, IN 46901-9004; the Hon. Stephen M. Jessup, Howard Superior Court 2, 104 North Buckeye Street, #304, Kokomo, IN 46901-9004; the Hon. Douglas A. Tate, Howard Superior Court 3, 104 North Buckeye Street, #110, Kokomo, IN 46901-9004; the Hon. George A. Hopkins, Howard Superior Court, 104 North Buckeye Street, Kokomo, IN 46901; to the Clerk of the Howard Circuit Court; and to the Division of State Court Administration. The Clerk is also directed to post this Order on the Court's website.

The Clerk of the Howard Circuit Court is directed to enter this Order and attachment in the Record of Judgments and Orders for the Courts, to post this Order and attachment for examination

by the Bar and the general public, and if available, to publish this Order and attachment on the county clerk's website.

DONE at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 8th day of September, 2010.

R. T. Shepard

Randall T. Shepard
Chief Justice of Indiana

- A. HOWARD CIRCUIT COURT: All Juvenile Matters, Adoptions and other cases required by law to be filed in the Circuit Court shall be filed in the Howard Circuit Court.
- B. HOWARD SUPERIOR COURTS II & IV: Mental Health Matters shall be filed in the Howard Superior Court II or the Howard Superior Court IV. The court of filing shall be determined by random selection, by the clerk.
- C. HOWARD SUPERIOR COURT III: Small Claims, Infractions, and Ordinance Violations shall be filed in the Howard Superior Court III. Howard Superior Court III shall also maintain a Plenary Docket for the purpose of accepting transfer cases. This shall include any civil case transferred from the other Howard County Courts or cases in which the Judge of Howard Superior Court III has been selected as a special judge pursuant to Section (J) of Trial Rule 79. All small claims which are transferred to the Plenary Docket as a result of a jury request or because a party seeks to pursue a claim that exceeds the jurisdictional amount allowed shall be transferred to the Plenary Docket of Howard Superior Court III.
- D. HOWARD SUPERIOR COURT I: Miscellaneous Matters (MI) shall be filed in Howard Superior Court I.
- E. OTHER CIVIL FILINGS: All other civil cases shall be filed in the Howard Circuit Court, the Howard Superior Court II, or the Howard Superior Court IV. The court of filing shall be determined by random selection, by the Clerk, using a method which will result in thirty percent (30%) being filed in Circuit Court, and thirty-five percent (35%) being filed in Superior Court II, and thirty-five percent (35%) being filed in Superior Court IV.